

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAN SA 02498 210256Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 HA-05 ISO-00 AGRE-00 EB-08 COME-00 AID-05
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15
STR-07 /077 W
-----069996 211559Z /14

R 192141Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8121

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 2498

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM ETRD EPAP ES
SUBJ: COFFEE GROWERS ALLEGE U.S. COMMODITY POLICY VIOLATES
SALVADORANS' HUMAN RIGHTS

1. HEADLINE CARRIED BY MAY 17 EDITION OF LA PRENSA GRAFICA, EL SALVADOR'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS DAILY, TRANSLATES QUOTE COFFEE GROWERS CENSURE U.S. UNQUOTE.
2. PHOTO SHOWING THREE LEADERS OF SALVADORAN COFFEE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBLE FOR DENUNCIATION ALSO CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE. PHOTO CAPTION INTRODUCED BY SPANISH WORD DENUNCIAN (IN BOLD TYPE) TRANSLATES QUOTE ACCORDING TO LEADERS OF THE SALVADORAN COFFEE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION, IF THE U.S. GENUINELY RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS, IT SHOULD END THE WAR IT IS WAGING AGAINST EL SALVADOR'S PRINCIPAL COMMODITY EXPORTS, ESPECIALLY COFFEE UNQUOTE.
3. SUBTITLE OF FOLLOW-ON ARTICLE CARRIED PAGE 3 TRANSLATES QUOTE COFFEE GROWERS LAUNCH STRONG CIRITICISM AGAINST U.S. UNQUOTE. TEXT OF ARTICLE CASTIGATES U.S. FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE PRICES PAID FOR EL SALVADOR'S EXPORT COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY COFFEE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HYPOCRITICALLY ATTEMPTING TO MAXIMIZE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF LOWER INCOME SALVADORANS, ESPECIALLY CAMPESINOS, WHO, BASED ON THE

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAN SA 02498 210256Z

TRICKLE DOWN THEORY, ARE THOSE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LOWERED INCOME FROM COMMODITY EXPORTS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE ABOVE ARTICLE APPEARS TO SOME EXTENT PURELY DEMAGOGIC (E.G. SUGAR, THE COUNTRY'S THIRD RANKING COMMODITY EXPORT, WOULD HAVE MADE A MUCH MORE VALID, BUT LESS APPEALING, COMMODITY CAUSE CELEBRE), IT NONETHELESS

REPRESENTS A HIGHLY VISIBLE (FRONT PAGE) BACKLASH TO RECENT
EVENTS (E.G. THE SALLY SHELTON/MARK SCHNEIDER VISIT) WHICH
APPEAR TO SOME SALVADORANS TO SIGNAL A POSSIBLE HARDENING
OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE VIS-A-VIS EL SALVADOR.
DEVINE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COFFEE, HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMODITIES, POPULAR RESENTMENT, ALLEGATIONS, PRICE FIXING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SANS02498
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780214-0376
Format: TEL
From: SAN SALVADOR
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780539/aaaabhbv.tel
Line Count: 67
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 5681179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2634099
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COFFEE GROWERS ALLEGE U.S. COMMODITY POLICY VIOLATES SALVADORANS' HUMAN RIGHTS
TAGS: SHUM, ETRD, EPAP, SOPN, ES, US, SALVADORAN COFFEE GROWERS ASSOC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/5681179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014